facilities available to the tribals in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up mobile dispensaries in the tribal areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what other steps Government are taking to provide medical facilities to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no Central Scheme to set up mobile dispensaries in tribal areas in the Seventh Plan. However, the possibility of initiating such a scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan will be examined.

(c) Efforts are being made to set up a net-work of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres supported by the implementation of Programmes for the Control of Communicable diseases, undertaking research in diseases to which Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes are generally prone and establishment of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries in the tribal areas.

Development of Bangalore Airport as An International Airport

*370 SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to convert the Bangalore Airport into an international airport is pending with the Central Government since long;

(b) whether the traffic survey to examine the feasibility of converting Bangalore airport into an international airport has also been conducted; and

(c) if so, what are the findings of the feasibility report and by when the Bangalore airport is likely to be declared as an international airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) to (c) There is no proposal to convert Bangalore airport into an international airport. A survey was conducted by I.A.A.I. in March, 1986 It revealed that it handles 11 lakhs passenger annually with 244 flights per week. International traffic potential is 12 per cent of total traffic.

Cancellation of IA flights in Madhya Pradesh

*371. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years a number of flights of Indian Airlines operating in Madhya Pradesh have been withdrawn viz. (i) AVRO operating between Bombay and Delhi, (ii) Flight between Delhi and Jabalpur and (iii) IC 433/IC 434 between Bombay and Delhi on Saturdays;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the names of the other States where the air facilities instead of increasing have decreased during this period; and

(d) whether any factual assessment of the ever increasing pressure of air traffic demand of Madhya Pradesh is proposed to be made and services introduced/resumed accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :

(a) and (b) Indian Airlines were not operating a direct flight between Bombay and Delhi by HS-748. The flight between Delhi-Jabalpur was withdrawn as Indian Airlines has no HS-748 aircraft based at Delhi and the Jabalpur airport is not fit